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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director
for Special Activities

SUBJECT : IDEALIST Mission Plan Proliferation

REFERENCE : Memo from DAD/OSA to D/FA and C/SS/OSA;
dated 6 May 1965; Subject: Same as Above

1. I have discussed the referenced memorandum with [redacted] who has also discussed it with Mr. Reber. I am advised that Mr. Reber agrees with the substance of your concern and proposes that the legitimate needs of the community can readily be met by the Intelligence Officer representing OSA at the COMOR, leaving off mission numbers and dates but indicating areas where missions are expected to go as soon as weather permits. This, of course, refers to pre-mission, not post-mission information. Thus, a rewrite of the COMOR Minute referenced in paragraph 2 of your memorandum would, under this concept, show as follows: "A mission is planned to cover the Formosa Strait area between Foochow and Shanghai [redacted] as soon as weather permits. Weather continues to be unfavorable for coverage of South China." Mr. Reber feels, and I agree, that in today's concern over the South China area and the attitudes evidenced by the Board for quite some time, it would be unwise not to explain at least the areas against which we are currently planning and awaiting weather.

2. You will have the full cooperation of this office and of COMOR in the future in responding to your concern.

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Deputy for Field Activities, OSA



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